

## CAN YOU ANSWER EDISON'S QUERIES?

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What Are Rubber, Prunes,  
Shellac and Porcelain Made  
From—Who Was Solon?

The list of questions which Thomas A. Edison asked young college men who applied to him for positions to answer before he would put them on the payroll at his West Orange plant at \$120 a month, was made public yesterday by one of the rejected applicants. The fact that so many who sought employment failed to give correct answers caused Mr. Edison to announce his belief that "college men are amazingly ignorant." The questions were designed to test the general knowledge of the candidate for "manufacturing development work" under Mr. Edison's direction. These are the questions the applicant was asked about:

Who discovered how to vulcanize rubber?  
What do we get shellac from?  
Who invented printing?  
Where do we get our prunes?  
Who invented the modern paper making machine?  
Where do we get our domestic sardines?  
Who invented the cotton gin?  
Who was the most famous violin maker?  
Who wrote Don Quixote?  
Who wrote Les Miserables?  
Who wrote the opera Traviata?  
Who was called "the father of American railways"?  
Who was Pizarro?  
Who was Simon Bolivar?  
Who was Solon?  
Who was John Hancock?  
Who was Hannibal?  
Who was Paul Revere?  
Who was Cleopatra, and how did she die?  
Who discovered the Pacific Ocean?  
Who was the founder of the New York Herald?  
Where is Labrador?  
Where is Helena?  
Where is Tallahassee?  
Where is Copenhagen?  
Where is Manchuria?  
What is the capital of Pennsylvania?  
Where is Spitzbergen?  
Where is Madagascar?  
What is the highest mountain in the world?  
What is the longest river in the world?  
What is the greatest depth ever found in the ocean?  
What is the greatest rise of tide in feet found along the North American coast?  
Where was Napoleon born?  
Where was Lincoln born?  
Who was Francis Marion?  
Of what are violin strings made?  
Who wrote "Home, Sweet Home"?  
What musical instrument do you play?  
What newspapers and magazines do you read?  
Of what is porcelain made?  
What substances are used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid?  
What voltage is used in street cars?  
What are the ingredients of good white paint?  
How is celluloid made?  
What States produce phosphates?  
What is pig iron?  
What is the hardest known wood?  
What kind of wood is used for axe handles?  
What kind of wood is used for kerosene oil barrels?  
In what part of the world does it never rain?  
Name the countries bordering on France.  
Round the State of West Virginia.  
Where is the largest telescope in the world located?  
Who invented logarithms?  
Where do we get benzol?  
What is a monsoon?  
How much is a troy ounce of gold worth?  
At what speed does light travel?  
What is the best grade of cotton grown?  
With what substance is radium always associated?  
How far is the earth from the sun?  
What is the distance of the shortest rail route between New York and San Francisco?  
How far is it by ordinary ocean routes between New York and Liverpool?

## HIS SOCIETY CHICKS VANISH, ALSO RABBIT HOUND GUARD

And Also the Extra Special Coop Which Jersey Fancier  
Had Bought to Safeguard His Birds—Every-  
thing Goes in Night and No Clues.

James Clark, chicken fancier, of the Midway Green section of New Jersey, complained to the police in Matawan yesterday that he was victimized Sunday night by the most exasperating thief now at large. His tale ran something like this:

A friend prevailed on Clark recently to purchase six expensive birds. He took them home in a crate de luxe and had an extra special coop built for them out where they could see his other chickens and yet not be required to mix with them socially. Inasmuch as the

new birds had cost considerable Clark bought a trained rabbit hound to guard them. He chained the hound to the new coop as usual Sunday night and went to bed.

"Well, what then?" asked the Chief of Police.

"I looked out the window yesterday morning," said Clark. "The new coop wasn't where it should have been. I went out to search for it, but it was gone and with it had disappeared the six chickens and the hound, as well as the lock and chain that held him to the coop."

Clues, etc., are lacking.

How is leather tanned?  
How is window glass made?  
How is artificial silk made?  
Who discovered the laws of gravitation?  
Why is the ordinary instrument used in measuring temperature called the Fahrenheit thermometer?  
Name the three principal alkalis?  
From what country do we get most of our cork?  
From what country do we get our borax?  
From what country do we get our figs?  
From what country do we get our platina?  
Where does most of our quicksilver come from?  
What is the greatest wool producing country in the world?  
In what States are our chief copper mines?  
What is copra?  
What is used to cut the facets of diamonds?  
From what city do most of our laundry machines come?  
From what vicinity do we get most of our codfish?  
What is felt?  
If Rhode Island is the smallest State in the union what is the next smallest and the next to that?  
Where does most of our rubber come from?  
What is zinc?  
What is the name of the acid in vinegar?  
Where are condors found?  
What fabric is used in automobile tires?

## PROFESSOR SCOFFS AT 'RANDOM QUESTIONING'

Asserts That Edison's Test  
Lacks Real Significance.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
CHICAGO, May 10.—Chicago educators and college men to-day were not a bit averse to admitting that among their number might be not only one but several who are "amazingly ignorant," judged by the standards laid down by Thomas A. Edison.

"We're terrible lowbrows really," they chorused as they scanned the 160 questions Mr. Edison submits to college graduates seeking employment.

Prof. Walter Dill Scott, president of Northwestern University, explained the whole matter. Prof. Scott "hired" some 2,000,000 men as director of the classification system which he instituted in the army.

"A mere information test of that sort has very little significance," Prof. Scott said. "Some of the best educated men undoubtedly would be trapped on one or more of the questions. But that doesn't prove anything."

Random questioning of that sort has long since been abandoned by psychologists.

## ST. REGIS HOTEL PLANS AN 18 STORY EXTENSION

Lessee Haan Also Has Moderate Price Policy in Mind.

An eighteen story extension involving an outlay of \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 has been projected for the St. Regis Hotel, according to announcement yesterday by E. M. Haan, lessee of the hotel, which is owned by the Astor estate. Plans, it was said, would be completed during the summer, and construction begun by December or January. The dimensions of the extension, which will face on Fifty-fifth street, are 75x100.

In addition to 150 guest rooms, with baths, Mr. Haan said the first floor would include a new dining room, double the capacity of the present palm room, and a new ballroom.

## THREE IN TRAP SET FOR POSTAL THIEVES

Stolen Money Orders Sent for  
Tickets, Refund Demanded.

Samuel Friedlander, Jerome Goldberg and Moses Altman, who were arrested Monday by postal inspectors and charged with being implicated in the theft of 444 money order blanks, some of which have been cashed, were arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock in the Federal District Court. Bail for Friedlander and Goldberg was fixed at \$20,000. Altman's bond was set at \$1,000.

According to Postal Inspectors Butler and Smith, who, with Detective Edward A. Gompers, made the arrests, it is charged that the men stole 444 postal order blanks from three post office sub-

stations. The maximum amount which could be drawn on each of these forms is \$100, making the aggregate that could be realized \$44,400.

The arrests, according to Inspector Butler, were due to an application made by the alleged thieves last Friday to the Westchester Racing Association for six boxes at the track. In payment for the seats, it is said, the men offered stolen money order blanks which had been filled out to the amount of \$536. On Saturday the racing association was informed a mistake had been made in ordering the boxes and that only one box, with six seats in it, was needed.

Because of this mistake, a refund of \$275 was asked. The association authorities, who had been informed recently that several forged money orders were being circulated, became alarmed, and notified the postal inspectors. The inspectors followed a messenger boy, who was given a check for \$275 as a refund, to the telegraph office on upper Seventh avenue, where the three men were arrested.

## 25 BISHOPS HERE FOR CONSECRATION

Distinguished Gathering at  
Cathedral To-day Honors  
Bishop Manning.

Taking part in the ecclesiastical ceremonies incident to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning as tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York this morning will be twenty-five fellow bishops, nearly three hundred clergymen of the Episcopal church, and scores of representative clergy of other evangelical denominations. The laity also will be represented by distinguished professional men, financiers, merchants and manufacturers, soldiers and statesmen.

The service, expected to be the most impressive ceremony of the kind ever witnessed in New York, will be held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The detailed programme for the occasion has been printed already by THE NEW YORK HERALD. Chief of the three consecrating prelates will be the presiding bishop, the Right Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, who is the oldest Anglican Bishop in the world. He was Dr. Manning's personal choice for the performance of this sacred rite. Bishop Tuttle has been a member of the episcopate fifty-four years. During that busy period he has assisted in the consecration of eighty prelates. Assisting Bishop Tuttle in the consecration ritual will be Bishop Boyd Vincent of southern Ohio, and Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts.

This will be the first consecration service for a New York bishop to be solemnized in the still unfinished Cathedral, though several missionary bishops have been consecrated therein. Bishop Greer was invested with the insignia of his sacred office in St. Bartholomew's Church, and Bishop Burch, the immediate predecessor of Bishop Manning, was consecrated in Grace Church.

Apart from the spectacular solemnities attending the consecration of the new Bishop, the interest of clerics and laity of the diocese centres largely in the declaration of policy which he is expected to make when he delivers his initial address as Bishop in opening the sessions of the diocesan convention this afternoon in Synod Hall.

It is generally assumed that Bishop Manning will ask for the election of one and perhaps two suffragan bishops to assist him in administering the growing work of the diocese. Should he make such a request the election of a suffragan bishop or bishops probably will be undertaken by the convention to-morrow.

Among the many clergymen who have been mentioned as possible selections to become the immediate coadjutors of the newly consecrated prelate are the Rev. Dr. W. W. Bellinger, the Rev. Milo H. Gates and the Rev. Joseph P. McComas, all vicars of Trinity parish; the Rev. Dr. Edward C. Churley, historiographer of the general convention and chairman of the New York diocesan publicity committee, and the Rev. Dr. William H. Pott of the Episcopal Church of Clifton, Staten Island, and formerly Archdeacon of the diocese.

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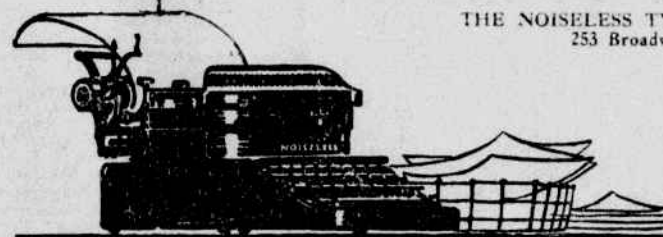
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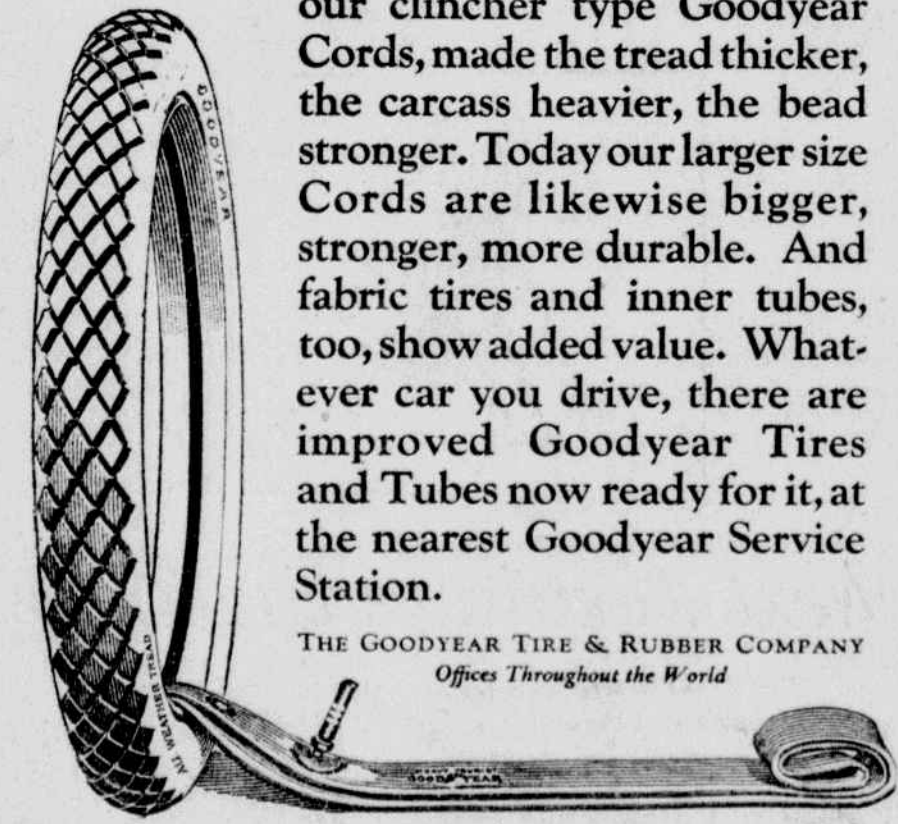


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